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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/498,950
Confirmation Number	9504
Filing Date	February 4, 2000
First Named Inventor	Carpenter et al.
Group Art Unit	3611
Examiner Name	F. Vanaman

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, **you** may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- iii. ☐ Other:

b. Enclosed is/are:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (**with 3 sheets of sketches**)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

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02 FC:1201 86.00 OP
03 FC:1202 270.00 OP

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months) and the Fee of **\$130.00** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 1,126.00 which covers:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - (\$770.00)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ Other - Additional claims fee (\$356.00)

4. If the filing of this RCE necessitates an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), the applicant hereby requests such extension of time.

6. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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7. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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For: ADJUSTABLE BINDING STRAP FOR SECURING A SNOWBOARDING
BOOT TO A BASEPLATE
Examiner: F. Vanaman
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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this amendment.